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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 18 have been amended to recite that the ovenware is suitable for, or in the process of, heating and/or cooking food or drink. The use of the ovenware for cooking and/or heating food and/or drink is discussed throughout the application, and "ovenware" is specifically defined at p. 3, line 31 to p. 5, line 10. Although claim 18 nor any of its dependent claims were rejected, this claim has also been amended to bring it into conformity with the wording in amended claim 1. These amendments do not change the scope of the claims, since from the overall description and specific definition in the Specification it was clear the "ovenware" in this instance meant a container that was used in heating and/or cooking food or drink.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for his detailed explanation as to why the rejected claims still stand rejected in view of their previous arguments.

Claims 1, 5, 7, 10-11 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Suzuki et al. From the Examiner's "Response to Amendment" it is Applicants' understanding that it is the Examiner's position that the "ovenware" in claim 1 not only could be used to heat food or drink but also an "industrial device". Since the Examiner did not disagree with the characterization of Suzuki's containers as unsuitable for cooking and/or heating food and drink but rather argued that the claim was broader than that, Applicants assume the present amendment in which claim 1 now recites that the ovenware is suitable for food or drink overcomes the rejection.

The Examiners' characterization of the present "ovenware" being suitable for heating an industrial device is incorrect. "Ovenware" means something involved in the heating and/or cooking of food or drink, see the definition in the application at p. 3, line 31 to p. 5, line 10. This definition, and of course the claim amendment (from this definition) distinguishes the present ovenware from the containers of Suzuki since the containers of Suzuki are not suitable for ovenware as defined in the Specification and now more precisely in the claims (see the response to the previous office action which describes why Suzuki's containers are not suitable, which is

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hereby included by reference). Therefore Suzuki does not anticipate the present claims.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

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